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INFORM CONSULS FOR ADMIN OFFICERS FROM AF/EX SALAZAR

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SUBJECT: 1978 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS' CONFERENCES

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- 1. IN RESPONSE TO SUGGESTIONS FROM MANY SOURCES, I HAVE DECIDED TO INITIATE ANNUAL CONFERENCES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, AND WILL HOLD THE FIRST OF THEM IN EARLY 1978 IN NAIROBI AND YAOUNDE. ADMIN OFFICERS FROM ALL AF/E AND AF/S POSTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE NAIROBI CONFERENCE, WHICH WILL BE HELD JANUARY 16 THROUGH 19, 1978. AF/C AND AF/W ADMIN OFFICERS ARE INVITED TO YAOUNDE THE FOLLOWING WEEK, JANUARY 23 THROUGH 26.
- 2. IN ADDITION TO YOURSELVES, I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO INVITE YOUR AMERICAN PERSONNEL OFFICERS. PARTICIPANTS FROM UNCLASSIFIED

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WASHINGTON WILL BE MYSELF, POST MANAGEMENT OFFICERS, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM PER. I WILL DO MY BEST TO CONVINCE OUR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OR HIS SENIOR DEPUTY TO MAKE A BRIEF APPEARANCE.

3. THE MAJOR VALUE OF THE CONFERENCES WILL OF COURSE BE THE CHANCE TO DISCUSS YOUR CONCERNS AND PROBLEMS. I WOULD

THEREFORE APPRECIATE YOUR SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHAT WE SHOULD INCLUDE IN OUR AGENDA, AND SPECIFIC QUESTIONS YOU WOULD LIKE ADDRESSED. THESE SHOULD BE SENT TO ME IN A CABLE SLUGGED FOR AF/EX ONLY.

4. SO THAT EMBASSIES NAIROBI AND YAOUNDE CAN MAKE THE NECESSARY LOGISTICAL SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS, PLEASE ADVISE THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF THE NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS AND

ETA'S AT THE CONFERENCES. PLEASE INFO AF/EX ON ALL CABLE TRAFFIC.

- 5. HAVING ALWAYS BEEN A BELIEVER THAT GOOD NEWS SHOULD PRECEDE BAD, I MUST NOW TELL YOU THAT POSTS SHOULD CHARGE TRAVEL COSTS TO THEIR OWN FUNDS. SPOUSES ARE OF COURSE WELCOME TO ACCOMPANY AT YOUR OWN EXPENSE.
- 6. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN JANUARY. REGARDS. VANCE

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